

ST ANTHONY & ST MARK'S

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Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell

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EASTER SUNDAY (A) 5TH APRIL 2026

HOLY MASS	Tues	7.00 pm at St Anthony's	Sat	5.00 pm Vigil at St Mark's
	Wed	9.30am at St Mark's	Sun	10.00 am at St Mark's
	Thu	9.30am at St Anthony's	Sun	11.30 am at St Anthony's
	Fri	9.30am at St Mark's	Sun	1.30 pm at St Anthony's: Syro-Malabar Qurbana
	Sat	9.30am at St Anthony's	Sun	5.00 pm at St Anthony's
	HOLY ROSARY	Tue	6.40pm at St Anthony's	Sat
CONFESSION	Sat	9-9.20am St Anthony's	Sat	4.30-4.50pm St Mark's
			Sun	4.30-4.50pm St Anthony's

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1	Acts 10:34a	'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.'
Psalm	Ps 118(117)	This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.
Reading 2	Colossians 3:1-4	'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'
Acclamation	Corinthians 5:7b-8a	Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
Gospel	John 20:1-9	'He must rise from the dead.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently: Rona McPhee; Dan Flinter

Anniversaries: Con Reynolds; Billy Fallon

Sick & housebound: Joan Watt; Parick McCarry; Jimmy Mahon; Cathy Callaghan; Maureen Maguire; Michael Leslie; John Mulheron; Rose McCorley; Catherine Scott; Erin Lavery; Beatrice Hannah; Pauline Mahon; Mary McColgan; Ella Connolly, Finn McGuinness, Hope Kenna, Margaret Rice; Sandra Morgan; Neil Morton; Steven Murphy; Cathline McNiel; Sandra Burke.; Annemarie Markey

FOODBANK UPDATE

Thanks to your continued generosity we were able to support our 83 visitors this week. Your kindness is much appreciated .

We had a donation from the ASN Group at Lifestyles, a group who regularly support us.

We received Easter eggs from local people which were distributed this week. We also received a beautiful Easter box filled with crème eggs for the children who will visit over the holidays, from the Extended Team, based in Burgh Business Centre. We are grateful for everyone's support.

We have been inundated with clothing donations so we need to pause accepting any more items as we have so much to sort through and distribute. We will keep you posted once we are in a position to accept clothing again.

We wish all our supporters a peaceful Easter.

SPACE EASTER EGG APPEAL THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who donated Easter eggs to the recent appeal: they were delivered last week & received with gratitude.

BISHOP TOAL'S EASTER MESSAGE 2026

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter, and hope you have benefitted from your participation in the liturgical celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery through Holy Week and at Easter.

I trust the Easter Vigil will be a particularly joyful event for all who have been baptised, confirmed, and have received the Eucharist at the Vigils in parishes across the Diocese. I offer my own congratulations and blessing to you all, and hope that the grace of the sacraments will enlighten and sustain you throughout your lives. I thank all who have organised and participated in the Parish RCIA sessions, recognising your generous commitment in sharing your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith with our catechumens and candidates.

It is always special for the Bishop to concelebrate the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday with his priests, in the presence of the deacons, religious, and lay faithful, and this year again we were again united as the Body of Christ here in Motherwell Diocese, acknowledging the gift of the sacraments and praying for the priests, ordained to celebrate and administer them.

I thank you all for your generous response to the Lenten Appeals, particularly for your support for SCIAF through the Collection and the Wee Boxes. The Good Friday Collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land is also vitally important and your contributions are much appreciated. The Universal Prayers at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday strongly remind us of the Church's responsibility for praying for the whole world and people of all faiths and none. Fulfilling this mission, we must continue to pray for peace and an end to all war. Pope Leo has spoken strongly in recent times calling for an end to war in the Middle East:

On behalf of the Christians of the Middle East and of all women and men of good will, I appeal to those responsible for this conflict: cease fire! May paths of dialogue be reopened! Violence can never lead to the justice, stability and peace for which the peoples are waiting.

May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and in our troubled world.

+ **Joseph Toal**

RCIA CONGRATULATIONS

A heartfelt congratulations to those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: Caroline, Christine, Kevin and Sara. Congratulations also to their godparents, sponsors, and families, as well as the RCIA team members.

GIFT AID SCHEME

Thank you to everyone who has continued to pay offerings to the parish. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

For all current members of the Gift Aid scheme there is a letter for collection at the back of the church, along with envelopes for those who use these. Please note the following :

- If you currently pay by Standing Order the letter provides details of the Parish's **new bank account: the old account which you have been using until now will be closing soon**. Don't be confused that the diocese has named the new account 'Parish of St Anthony': we are one parish and our bank accounts are completely integrated.
- If you currently use envelopes to pay your offering you are encouraged to consider changing to pay by Standing Order. If you are a UK Taxpayer and make offertory payments to the parish but are not a member of the Gift Aid scheme, **perhaps you could consider joining**. It is easy to join and costs you nothing - but does provide the parish with a rebate from HMRC for payments you make to the Parish: last year this totalled **£17,500**, which makes a huge difference to our finances. If you would like more information on this, speak to one of the Gift Aid team at the back of the church, or email the parish at stanthonystmark@rcdom.org.uk and a member of the office staff will contact you. You can return the relevant forms to the parish house, stall, or in the offertory basket.

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY DAY TODAY AT ST ANTHONY'S

We are delighted to once again hold an Easter Family Day for the whole parish, which will take place today during/after 11.30 Mass at St Anthony's. All families are most welcome. At the 11.30 Mass, the children who have successfully completed the Ignite process in preparation for First Holy Communion at either St Anthony's or St Mark's will receive a special certificate and a gift from the parish. Afterwards, St Anthony's Parent Council will be running the family day activities, including Easter egg hunt, stalls, the Little Miracles games & toys for babies and toddlers, and an Easter café.

LOURDES PETITIONS

If you have any **petitions for Lourdes**, please hand them in to the parish house, stall, or offertory basket by Easter morning.

Both Fr Stephen and Fr Christopher will be travelling with HCPT—The Pilgrimage Trust—to Lourdes during Easter week. We'd like to thank the parish for supporting us to take with us children and teenagers living with disabilities or disadvantages. We're very excited that 4 pupils from Trinity High will be travelling in the Scottish Youth Group, which supports the family groups; and that two Trinity pupils will be travelling as beneficiaries.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETING DATES 2026

Parish Fabric Committee Tuesday 14th April 5.45pm St Anthony's Church (side chapel)

QR CODE FOR PARISH GIVING If parishioners or visitors would prefer to use their mobile phones to make a donation at Sunday Mass, then please feel free to use this QR code.

